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Via Telecopy

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Re: Carus Chemical Company

Dear Mr. Eastep:

This letter is to follow up the meeting that representatives of Carus had with you and Agency staff on November 29, 1995 in Springfield. At the meeting, Agency staff indicated that the Apollo Warehouse Area (a/k/a "Muddies") had been recommended for listing on CERCLIS, but had not yet been listed. They further indicated that listing of the site would be deferred if Carus proceeded to conduct a preliminary investigation of this area. Please be advised that Carus intends to submit a work plan by January 31, 1996 for this preliminary investigation under the Illinois Pre-Notice Site Cleanup Program for review and approval by the Agency. As discussed at the meeting, we agreed for Agency staff to meet with Carus' consultants, GeoSyntec Consultants, at the site on or about January 11th, depending on weather conditions, to discuss the scope of the investigation. Our consultant will coordinate the arrangements with your staff.

We also agreed that the Agency would forward to Carus a copy of historical and background information collected by the Agency's site assessment staff concerning the area, including formal or informal complaints or inquiries (without identifying names of individuals) about environmental conditions in this area. I was informed that Bob Casper forwarded to GeoSyntec Consultants a letter dated December 8th summarizing information collected by the Agency thus far, but not enclosing copies of the documents. After a follow-up telephone conversation with Bob Casper yesterday, Paul Jagiello called to inform me that copies of the requested documents would be made available if we submitted a Freedom of Information Act request. We will therefore submit a FOIA request to obtain this information.

As we also discussed at our recent meeting, by the time of the January site visit, we would also appreciate receiving any further historical or background information which your site assessment staff may be able to obtain (e.g., Sanborn maps, etc.). This information, like the information already collected to date, will be important to our consultant in preparing a final work

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plan and in conducting field work. In a spirit of cooperation, I hope we can avoid the necessity of another FOIA request to obtain this additional information.

As we further discussed at the meeting, Carus agreed to submit a final Phase II Site Investigation Completion Report to the Agency by January 12, 1996. In addition, the Agency agreed that, within two months, we could expect the Agency's response to our November 22, 1995 request concerning the boundaries of the Matthiessen & Hegeler Zinc Company site.

Please let me know should you or your staff have any different recollection of the agreements made at our November 29th meeting. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

MAUCK, BELLANDE & CHEELY

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark Sargis".

Mark Robert Sargis

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